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AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS TO GREECE

REF: ATHENS 8443

1. GOG'S VISA REQUIREMENTS PER REFTEL IS SOURCE OF UNIQUE DIFFICULTY FOR USG PERSONNEL US EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND CONGEN JERUSALEM.

2. IT OUR UNDERSTANDING GOG WILL NOT ACCEPT "ISRAEL ONLY" PASSPORTS FOR VISA PURPOSES; VISA CACHET OF GREEK EMBASSY, TEL AVIV, IN SECOND PASSPORT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY INVALIDATE IT FOR USE IN ARAB WORLD, THUS NEGATING VERY PURPOSE OF SECOND PASSPORT. IN VIEW FOREGOING, PERSONNEL PLANNING R&R IN GREECE (OFFICIAL R&R POINT) MUST PAY \$13.00 FEE FOR THIRD (TOURIST) PASSPORT.

3. THREE ALTERNATIVES PRESENT THEMSELVES:

A. DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY AND CONGEN TO VALIDATE "ISRAEL ONLY" PASSPORTS TO INCLUDE GREECE.

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B. DEPARTMENT WAIVE \$13.00 FEE FOR THIRD PASSPORT FOR USE

WITH R&R TRAVEL.

C. SEND SECOND PASSPORTS TO AMMAN FOR ISSUANCE OF GREEK VISAS. EMBASSY AND CONGEN COULD COORDINATE SHIPMENT BY POUCH IN INTERVALS TO COINCIDE WITH PLANNED R&R DEPARTURES AND VALIDITY PERIOD OF GREEK VISAS, E.G., MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, ETC.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS RE PARA THREE ALTERNATIVES, AND AMMAN'S COMMENTS RE PARA 3:.
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